From: Mark Goodman
To: Devereux, Jan
Subject: Re: April 23rd council meeting, HP resolution
Date: Friday, April 20, 2018 9:30:45 AM

Thanks Jan.

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On Apr 20, 2018, at 8:16 AM, Devereux, Jan <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

> Items listed under "Communications" are on the record but not part of the agenda so cannot be addressed in public comment. Maybe I should have stated that too.
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> Thanks Jan. Indeed, a lot of speculation and emails going around. I did see Mr. Bell's letter in the agenda package, as well as several supporting emails, but couldn't tell whether there was a resolution being proposed. I appreciate the clarification. Many thanks, Mark.
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On Apr 20, 2018, at 7:06 AM, Devereux, Jan <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Mark. There is nothing on our agenda about this issue, but we have been barraged with email about it following a great deal of rumor, speculation and misinformation on social media and through email campaigns from both sides.

Below is the generic reply I am sending today to other residents who have written:

The agenda for the April 23 Cambridge City Council meeting (LINK) does not include a policy resolution suggesting a boycott of Hewlett Packard products, nor is there anything on the agenda related to Israel or Palestine.

Please be advised that the City Council's rules only allow members of the public to speak to items that are on the agenda. Signs, placards and posters are not allowed inside the Sullivan Chamber at City Hall. These rules are strictly enforced, and we ask for your respect to allow us to conduct the business at hand.

This Monday we have a very full agenda, which includes the city manager's first presentation on the City's FY19 Budget and a petition for a zoning amendment for an expanded Flood Plain Overlay District to better protect the health and safety of buildings and people from the anticipated threats of climate change. If you would like to speak on any item on the agenda you may sign up online here; you will have up to three minutes. The public comment period is at the beginning of the meeting, which starts at 5:30pm.

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From: Mark Goodman <mdgoodman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 6:45:52 PM
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Subject: April 23rd council meeting, HP resolution

Hi Jan,

I'm a Lakeview neighbor. Hope you're well.

I am writing about the boycott of Hewlett-Packard proposed by Curtis Bell, President of Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME). Mr. Bell states that UUJME advocates for boycotts, divestitures and sanctions against Israel as a way to bring "a peaceful and just resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict." He makes various assertions about HP's behavior in Israel and elsewhere as justification for singling out the company for punishment. His claim seems to be that Israel, which he apparently holds entirely responsible for the conflict, uses HP equipment. HP, he reasons, is therefore complicit in Israel's alleged crimes.

One wonders why HP and not the cell phone carriers, vehicle manufacturers, uniform makers and other allegedly complicit companies? Mr. Bell's dubious logic leads to an all-encompassing boycott of any company or organization engaged with Israel--indeed to a boycott of Israel itself. And, in fact, that is the point. This is not about HP. Nor is this about a "just resolution" to the conflict. This is about choosing a side.

I recently visited Rawabi, a new city adjacent to Ramallah, which was developed by a Palestinian-American entrepreneur. It is a remarkable achievement of Palestinian entrepreneurship and cultural vibrancy. There I met with young entrepreneurs from the West Bank,

Gaza and Israel who participate in a program called Our Generation Speaks (OGS: https://www.ogspeaks.com/). OGS is one of many organizations that are fostering economic and cultural relationships between Israelis and Palestinians. This is the hard work of peace, the real work, which I hope, many of us hope, will lead to a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict. Boycotts, divestment and sanctions are the weapons of a shrill ideology that thinks it has all the answers, that has found moral clarity by suppressing moral complexity.

I hope the Cambridge City Council will not fall into this trap laid for its best intentions.

Happy to discuss further.

Best regards,

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